



TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment, Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and one (1) set of replacement drawings in the above-identified patent application. Also, enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time, The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Additional Fee
Total Claims	39	41	0 x 50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	4	0 x 200	\$0.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$0.00

- * A check in the amount of \$1240.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a Request for Continued Examination (\$790.00), and the fee for Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time (\$450.00).

- * Please provide any further extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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